

**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Laurie Butler Lawrence on February 2, 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 21 is amended to read as follows:

21. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 15 wherein the carrageenan has a calcium content of less than about 0.4% by weight.

The amendment is made to remove reference to a cancelled claim.

2. Claims 2, 5, 12, 14-19, 21, 22, and 42 are allowed. It is noted that claim 3 was incorrectly indicated to be allowed in the Notice of Allowance mailed on December 22, 2008. This claim was previously cancelled from the application.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Zachariah Lucas whose telephone number is (571)272-0905. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8 am to 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bruce Campell can be reached on 571-272-0974. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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